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**REQUEST FOR REFUND UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.26**

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On November 21, 2001, SONNENSCHN NATH & ROSENTHAL Deposit Account No. 19-3140 was charged \$110.00 for a one-month extension fee. A response was due in the Patent Office on January 25, 2003, in response to the Office Action of October 25, 2002. Applicant's attorney mailed Amendment "B" After Final in response to the Office Action on Monday, January 27, 2003. Since the due date of January 25, 2003, fell on a Saturday, a response was, in reality, due Monday, January 27, 2003, and, therefore, applicant asserts that the USPTO's charge of \$110.00 against Deposit Account No. 19-3140 was in error.

Accordingly, Applicant requests a refund of \$110.00 inadvertently charged to the deposit account as permitted by 37 CFR 1.26.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment to account No. 19-3140. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,  
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